GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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RESTRUCTURING OF ASSAM STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps initiated to restructure the Assam State Electricity Board;

(b) whether any guidelines in this regard have been given by the Union Government to the Government of Assam; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Government of Assam had appointed Administrative Staff College ofIndia, Hyderabad (ASCI) to conduct a study on reforms and restructuring of Assam State Electricity Board. ASCI has already submitted their report to Government of Assam.Government of Assam had also issued a policy paper on reforms and restructuring envisaging establishment of Assam Power Corporation to carry out generation and transmission, two Distribution Companies for distribution and Assam RuralElectrification Corporation for electrification of rural areas.

(b) & (c) : Ministry of Power has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)with Government of Assam to affirm joint commitment of the two parties to reform the power sector in Assam. In the MOU, Government of Assam committed to set up a State Electricity Regulatory Commission, undertake energy audit to reduce system losses,complete metering and bring down the receivables of ASEB.